



Bringing the County Closer to You!

Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Arthur Edmunds, UCAB Chair

January 5, 2018

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, January 8 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "The Status and Progress of School Construction"
*Guests: Adrienne Karamihas, Acting Director, Capital Planning;
Montgomery County Public Schools*

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Public Forums on Next Year's Operating Budget for the County

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is holding the first of five budget forums on [Monday, January 8](#), to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Operating Budget priorities. The forum will begin at 7:00pm at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda.

Complete schedule for the forums:

- [January 8, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center](#)
- [January 24, Mid-County Community Recreation Center](#)
- [January 29, BlackRock Center for the Arts \(Upcounty region\)](#)
- [January 30, Silver Spring Civic Building](#)
- [January 31, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center](#)

Your feedback as a resident or business owner is crucial in helping the County Executive determine priorities. Mr. Leggett will announce his Recommended FY19 Operating Budget on March 15. After public hearings and committee worksessions, the County Council then approves the operating budget at the end of May.

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Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY19 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget19.



Where Will You Serve?

Sign Up for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service January 15

The Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Committee and Montgomery County Executive, Ike Leggett invite you to a special tribute ceremony to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This free event will be held at The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 15.

[Sign up to participate in the MLK Day of Service at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center.](#) Find out about year-round opportunities at the Volunteer Fair as well as participate in service projects for all ages - **SSL approved!**

For more information, check [press release](#), [calendar](#), or [download flyer](#).

Maryland's New Smoke Alarm Law

Smoke alarms need to be replaced EVERY 10 YEARS! Maryland's new Smoke Alarm Law can help save lives. Important [information](#) you need to know.

Free Tax Preparation Services

Community Action's VITA Program is now scheduling appointments for 2017 tax form preparation. Appointments available in various locations for County residents earning \$54,000 or less. Please click [HERE](#) or call 240-777-1123.

Matching Mini Grants Still Available for Neighborhood Events & Projects!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Mini Grant Fund was established by Montgomery County to assist and encourage neighborhood organizations, clubs, tenant associations, etc. in their community capacity building and networking efforts, and to stimulate the local economy. The fund is administered by the five Regional Services Centers, and may be used to hold community/neighborhood events and activities. Some examples that have been funded include a neighborhood movie series, an afterschool homework club, a spring break camp, signage and landscaping for a neighborhood entrance, and others.

The maximum grant amount is \$1,000 per year per organization/group. Each grant must be matched dollar for dollar with cash or in-kind donations, and the event must take place by June 30, 2018. Applying is easy! **Download the PDF** application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form. *See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.*

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

Catherine Matthews, Upcounty Regional Director
catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov
(office) 240-777-8040

Montgomery County Continues to Urge Homeless Individuals to Seek Shelter During Extreme Cold Temperatures

Montgomery County Health and Human Services staff, as well as community-based providers will continue to reach out to homeless individuals in the community to urge them to seek shelter during the extreme cold temperatures forecast for the next several days. Every year from November 1 through March 31, there are winter emergency shelters, the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Men's Emergency Shelter, located at 600 East Gude Drive in Rockville; and at the Interfaith Works Progress Place Shelter, located at 8106 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

During Hypothermia and Cold Emergency Alerts or other adverse winter weather such as an impending storm, shelters will remain open during the day providing a warm place for unsheltered homeless individuals. All homeless street outreach teams will extend hours to include evenings and weekends and will assertively engage unsheltered individuals, encouraging them to seek shelter.

Anyone who has a concern about the safety of a homeless individual should call the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000 to report the location and provide a description of the individual. The emergency shelters are available around-the-clock to receive homeless individuals, without any pre-screening. During the Cold Emergency Alerts and during Hypothermia Alerts, space will be provided for everyone seeking shelter.

All Montgomery County facilities, such as libraries, recreation centers and senior centers open during their regular hours can be used by anyone needing an escape from the cold. Public shopping centers are also available as warm locations during their hours of operation.



How to recycle / dispose of Christmas trees

Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection offers tips at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDol/material.aspx?tag=christmas-trees&material_key=47

Meeting Calendar for County Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Do you want to know when a particular board, committee or commission is meeting?

Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/calendar.html>

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Human Trafficking Prevention Committee

The deadline for application is January 19, 2018.

Please share this notice with anyone who may be interested.

Please note that the BCC Application Process is Online!!!

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill four vacancies on the newly established Human Trafficking Prevention Committee. Two vacancies are for members from two different advocacy organizations, one vacancy is for an owner or employee of a non-profit service provider and one vacancy is for an academic advisor. Voting members must broadly reflect the geographic, economic, and social diversity of the County, and should be associated with an organization involved in addressing some aspect of human trafficking or have a direct interest in an issue related to human trafficking.

Additional voting members of the Committee include an employee of the Montgomery County Public Schools; an employee of the County State's Attorney's Office; a member of the County Judiciary; an employee of the County Sheriff's Office; a designee of the County Council; an employee of the County Police Department; an employee of the County Department of Health and Human Services; an employee of the County Office of Intergovernmental Relations; an employee of the County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation; a member of the County's Commission for Women; and a member of the County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission. Nonvoting ex officio members or their designees are the Council President; the County Executive; the Director of the Department of Permitting Services; the Director of the Commission on Human Rights; and the Director of the Office of Community Partnerships; and may include one Senator and one Delegate from the Montgomery County Delegation selected by the Chairs of the County's Senate and Delegate Delegations; and the President of an appropriate health care agency located in the County that serves victims of human trafficking.

Members will serve three-year terms (initially staggered) without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings will be held at least six times per year. Dates, times and locations of meetings will be determined.

Health Officials Remind Residents About Flu Prevention; Urge All To Receive Flu Shots

Montgomery County health officials are reminding residents to help prevent the flu by getting a flu shot and by following key health habits.

In addition to getting a flu shot, there are several ways to lower the chance of getting the flu:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

To find a location to get a flu shot, go to <https://vaccinefinder.org>.

We Invite You to Attend
FOURTH ANNUAL EDUCATION BUDGET MEETING

Presented by:

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice
Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith, MCPS
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President of Montgomery College

How are budget decisions made?

What is the county doing today to get ready for FY19 and beyond?

What opportunities do residents have to influence budget decisions?

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county.

Dates and Locations:

February 21st:	Damascus High School, Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30 PM 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus
February 28th:	Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, (Theater Arts Building), 6:30- 8:30 PM 51 Mannakee St. Rockville, MD 20850
March 7 th :	John F. Kennedy High School, Cafeteria 6:30-8:30PM 1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD
March 14 th :	Robert Frost Middle School, Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30 PM 9201 Scott Drive, Rockville, MD
March 19th:	White Oak Middle School, Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30PM 12201 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring

For further information, please contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email
Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov



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Direct access to County data sets in consumable formats is available and the public can review and analyze, and use the data sets for a variety of purposes. [More Information](#)

Alert Montgomery

Emergency notifications, straight from Montgomery County to you. The Alert Montgomery System provides accurate, immediate emergency notifications from Montgomery County to your cell, work or home phone, via text, email or voice message. Receive notifications about emergencies that may affect your home, workplace ... Learn more at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OEMHS/AlertMontgomery>

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>